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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Agency Information Collection Activities; Reinstatement of Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Agency information collection activities; reinstatement of collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: DOE is soliciting comments concerning the reinstatement of OMB's approval to collect information for DOE's Qualified List of Energy Service Companies using a supplemental questionnaire to Standard Form 129.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by December 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Tanya Sadler, Office of Federal Energy Management Programs, EE-92, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-7755, e-mail: tanya.sadler@hq.doe.gov, and fax: (202) 586-3000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Tanya Sadler at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
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I. Background

In accordance with the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and 10 CFR 436, the Department of Energy has established the DOE Qualified List of Energy Service Companies (ESCO), comprised of private industry firms that are eligible to perform work under energy savings performance contracts (ESPC) for Federal facilities. For placement on the list, firms are required to complete an application. The application includes a Standard Form 129, Solicitation Mailing List Application, and a supplemental

questionnaire. The supplemental questionnaire asks for: corporate experience including two project descriptions which demonstrate experience in ESPC or the design and installation of energy conservation measures, technological capabilities, proposed staff, financial status, and the submission of two client questionnaires. The data collection is used to evaluate the firms based on criteria established by 10 CFR 436 to be placed on the list. DOE will later seek a reinstatement of the approval by the Office of Management and Budget for the collection under Section 3507(h) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13, Title 44, U.S.C. Chapter 35).

II. Current Actions

This is a reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired. The same information will be collected; however, the supplemental questionnaire will be reorganized and the instructions and questions will be clarified to elicit complete responses. OMB will be requested to approve the collection of information for another three years.

III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents and other interested parties should comment on the action discussed in item II. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of responses.

General Issues

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency? Does the information have practical utility? Practical utility is defined as the actual usefulness of information to or for an agency, taking into account its accuracy, adequacy, reliability, timeliness, and the agency's ability to process the information it collects.

B. What enhancements can DOE make to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

As a Potential Respondent

A. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions require clarification?

B. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 2 hours per response. Burden includes the total time and effort expended to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide the information. Please comment on (1) the accuracy of our estimate and (2) how the agency could minimize the burden of the collection of

information, including the use of information technology.

C. DOE estimates that respondents will incur no additional costs for reporting other than the hours required to complete the collection. What is the estimated: (1) Total dollar amount annualized for capital and start-up costs, and (2) recurring annual costs of operation and maintenance, and purchase of services associated with the data collection?

D. Do you know of any other Federal, State, or local agency that collects similar data? If you do, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the methods of collection.

As a Potential User

A. Can you use data at the levels of detail indicated on the form?

B. For what purpose would you use the data? Be specific.

C. Are there alternative sources of data and do you use them? If so, what are their deficiencies and/or strengths?

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the collection. They also will become a matter of public record.

Statutory Authority: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Research

Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee Notice of Reestablishment

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of reestablishment.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) Pub. L. No. 92-463, and section 101-6.1015, title 41 Code of Federal Regulations, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration (GSA), notice is hereby given that the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee has been reestablished for a two-year period beginning October 1997.

The Committee will provide advice to the Department on long-range plans, priorities, and strategies for demonstrating the scientific and